

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 25, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 72

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 72, relative to issuance of renewable energy certificates.

This bill will increase costs to electric ratepayers related to Renewable Portfolio Standard compliance. The Public Utilities Commission voiced concerns about this bill during each of its hearings; these concerns were never addressed by an amendment. Our focus should be to fix the credit mechanism in the law, not repeal it at the expense of New Hampshire ratepayers, many of whom already struggle to pay electricity rates that are among the highest in the nation.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 72.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor